

In the claims: Please enter the following as the claims in this case.

1-4 (cancelled).

5 (currently amended). A method of making a 5-phosphono-substituted-dipyrromethane of claim 8, comprising:

reacting a 5-halo-substituted dipyrromethane with a phosphite to produce a said 5-phosphono-substituted-dipyrromethane;

wherein said phosphite is selected from the group consisting of dialkyl phosphites, diaryl phosphites, and dialkylaryl phosphites;

~~and wherein said phosphono is selected from the group consisting of dialkyl phosphono, diaryl phosphono, and dialkylaryl phosphono.~~

6 (original). The method of claim 5, wherein said halo is coupled to said dipyrromethane by a linking group, said linking group selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, alkylaryl, and alkylarylalkyl groups.

7 (original). The method of claim 5, wherein said halo is selected from the group consisting of chloro, bromo and iodo.

8 (original). A 5-phosphonodipyrromethane, wherein said phosphono is selected from the group consisting of dialkyl phosphono, diaryl phosphono, and dialkylaryl phosphono.

9 (original). The 5-phosphonodipyrromethane according to claim 8, wherein said phosphono is coupled to said dipyrromethane by a linking group.

10 (original). The 5-phosphonodipyrromethane according to claim 9, wherein said linking group is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, alkylaryl, and alkylarylalkyl groups.

11-50 (cancelled).